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**Sections of the Clark Fork, Blackfoot Rivers Near Milltown Dam to Close Sept. 1**

Small sections of the Clark Fork and Blackfoot rivers near Milltown Dam will be closed to fishing and other recreation beginning Sept. 1 as part of the project to remove the dam.

The Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Commission approved the closure Aug. 3 to address public safety concerns related to changes in water level and debris exposure during the dam removal.

The Clark Fork will be closed from about one-half mile below Milltown Dam at the railroad bridge to three miles upstream from the bridge. On the Blackfoot, the closure will cover a stretch of about 1.5 miles from the river's confluence with the Clark Fork. The areas under the closure will be signed.

The closure boundaries will be reviewed periodically during the dam removal project to allow for recreation access while still providing adequate public safety.

For additional information on the closures, contact the Missoula FWP office at (406) 542-5500.

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